

to her husband and she became the Duchess of Fife, thus changing her name three times in an hour. "Your Royal Shyness" is Princess Maud's nickname for the Duchess of Fife; the Duchess is so very nervous in public, though she manages to conceal it wonderfully well. It may be said that she is the most domesticated and retiring of all our Royal

Princess Maud of Wales—or Princess Charles of Denmark, as she now is—has always had the reputation of being the most humorous as well as the most inventive member of the family. She is very fond of out-door life, and her emulation of the accomplishments of her brothers brought upon her the name of "The little Tomboy" from the Queen when she used to hear rather frequent accounts of her childish escapades. Among her brothers and sisters she is still called "Harrie."

The Prince always carries about with him a combination cigar-case, match-box, card-case, pen-wiper, and pin-cushion, invented by his clever daughter.

Princess Maud invented, too, a combination sofa, reading-desk, and book-case, which is always used by the Princess of Wales when at Sandringham. She never wore a ring of any sort until Prince Charles of Denmark placed an engagement ring on her finger.



H. R. H. PRINCESS VICTORIA.

Family. Publicity of any kind and State ceremonies are her special horrors, and she spends her happiest hours playing with her little girls in the nursery, fishing with her husband in Scottish streams, or tramping over the moors by his side. The feminine enjoyment of shopping is one of her chief delights; and, thickly veiled, she may often be seen with her husband peering through shop-windows in the West-end with all the pleasure of a stranger from the country.

Princess Victoria of Wales is the daughter who is still to be found at her mother's side, although rumours of her engagement have so often been foolishly circulated. She largely assists her mother in her many charitable works, and is greatly beloved by the Norfolk people. Princess Victoria arranges flowers beautifully, and usually prepares the dinner-table decorations at Sandringham. It is Princess Victoria, also, who frequently makes up the button-holes so much worn by the Prince of Wales. She is a good swimmer, an accomplishment which is shared by her mother and her sisters



H. R. H. PRINCESS CHARLES OF DENMARK.

Princess Charles, even after her marriage, maintained her reputation for humour. Noticing on a certain occasion that a gentleman was taking notes, she waited until he looked towards her, and then wrote very deliberately on a piece of paper, twisted it up, and throw it away. The observer, seizing the first opportunity that presented itself, and quite oblivious of the watchful eyes of the Princess, picked up the slip of paper and read it. On it was written, in her characteristic hand-writing, "How I should like to be a reporter!"